information will be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

(b) to (d) Kelkar Commitee did not recommend inclusion of this drug in Category-II in its report. However, a Standing Committee has been set up to review the anomalies in the Kelkar Committee Report. That Committee is also considering the turnover and other aspects relating to this drug with a view to consider its possible inclusion in the price control.

Prices of Metranidazole Formulations

198. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK:
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 150 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th January, 1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Metranidazole is available at Rs. 320/- per kg. in the market;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the price of formulations have been fixed at Rs. 482/- per kg. plus 8 per cent incidental charges;

(c) what are the names of the five leading formulators of Metranidazole whose formulations are based on purchase material;

(d) whether his Ministry have verified the purchase prices of these formulators.

(e) what is the price at which these formulators purchased Metranidazole during the last one year;

(f) what is the total demand of this drug and what is the approximate amount overcharged on the formulations based on this drug from the consumers per annum;

(g) whether his Ministry have received the report on the price of this drug; and

(h) if so, by when the price of bulk drug and formulations based on this drug would be fixed?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) Market prices are not monitored by my Ministry.

(b) to (h) Earlier the prices of formulations were fixed on the basis of notified price of the bulk drug. However, it has now been decided to fix the prices of formulation on the basis of the purchase price or the notified price, whichever is lower.

Effective from 1-2-1991, Government has reduced the price of Metramidazole and Metranidazole Benzoate from the existing level of Rs. 482/- and Rs. 511/- to Rs. 428/- and Rs. 380/- per flg. respectively. BICP has been requested to work out the prices of formulations of these drugs on *suo moto* basis immediately so that the revised prices could be announced expeditiously.

The indigenous demand of Metranidazole is estimated at 484.00 tonnes during the year 1990-91.

Prices of Analgin

199. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Analgin is being sold at Rs. 240/- per kg. in the open market;

(b) what is the notified price of Analgin and when the same was notified;

(c) when the BICP conducted cost and technical study of Analgin under DPCO 1987 and what price was recommended by the BICP;

(d) what is the price of bulk drug at which the price of Novalgin range of formulations have been fixed and what are their present prices;

(e) whether it is a fact that the producer of Novalgin formulation has made an unintended benefit of around